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Dear General Carter:

I accept your letter of resignation of April 28, 1965, effective that date, as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with appreciation for a job well done.

Your assignment to this vital and demanding post came during a period in which significant progress was achieved by our intelligence service in assessing the threats posed to U. S. national security interests and in developing more effective means with which to protect our interests abroad. I am very much aware of the important contribution you have made to these endeavors and to improvements in the functioning of the U. S. intelligence community as a whole.

As you return to military duties, I wish you Godspeed and success in your new assignment.

Sincerely,

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Upon completion of more than three years' service as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for President Kennedy and you, I want you to know that it has been a rare honor and a very real privilege to serve in this capacity. Your choices of Admiral Raborn as Director and Dick Helms as Deputy Director are outstanding and I think I can already assure you that the Agency is in full and wholehearted support of them both. I, of course, understand fully that the law required my relinquishment of the position of Deputy Director since the two top people cannot both come from the military.

You may rest assured that as I resume my military duties, my sense of pride in my past assignment and my loyalties in my future assignment will continue to be of the highest order.

With great respect,

Faithfully yours,




Marshall S. Carter

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Lieutenant General, USA

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1965

Respectfully referred  
for the files of the Central  
Intelligence Agency.

  
William J. Hopkins  
Executive Clerk